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Applicant: Kurt Elith THOMSEN  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing the response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2003, in the above-identified application. The extension of time indicated below is required and has not yet been granted:

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